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Title: Need to formulate a scheme to absorb all the retrenched workers who were engaged in construction work of Railways in Kanyakumari district, Trivendrum Division of Railways.

SHRI A.V. BELLARMIN (NAGERCOIL): Hundreds of workers were employed for several years during the construction work of Railways in Kanyakumari District. These workers were terminated, when the Railways started commissioning in 1989. This is in violation of Labour Laws and principles of Natural justice. Some of them appealed in the Supreme Court and the Hon'ble Court ordered, the Railway authorities to empanel them and absorb them against the future vacancies as Gr. D. Some of them registered their names in the panel. Some of them were refused registration. A very few of the registered workmen were provided employment. Many of them are waiting in the Panel. Those who could not register their names are also waiting, for employment in Railways. They are languishing in poverty and most of them have become aged. The Government should come forward with a scheme to absorb all the retrenched workmen in the Trivandrum Division of the Railways.